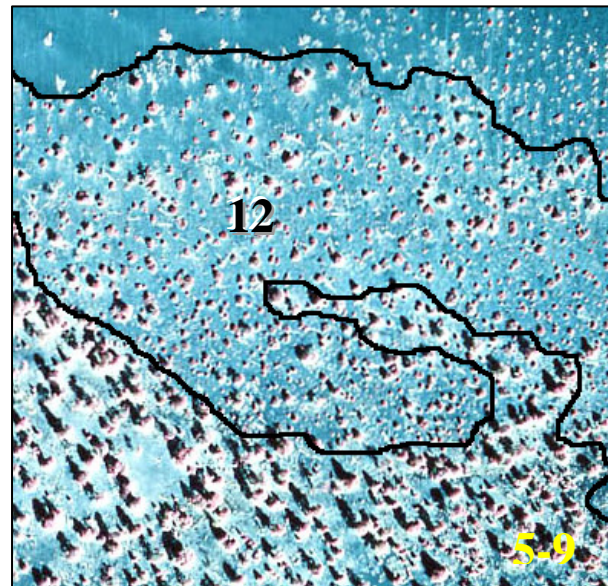
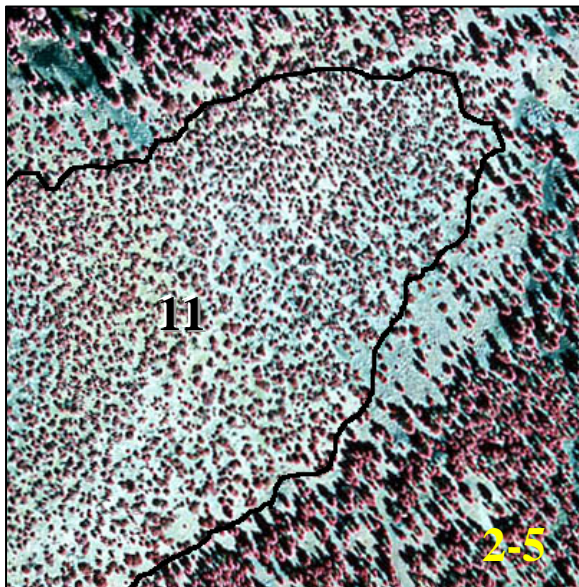


### Pinyon Pine – Utah Juniper / Blue Grama Woodland (11-12)

*Location.* This map class occurs in large patches on the slopes of the cinder cones within the mapping area. There are also stands on the windswept upper slopes of some of the larger cinder cones in the area. The understory is usually poorly developed, but may include sparse grasses or shrubs. Areas with more open pinyon-juniper canopy generally have a better-developed understory.



*Photosignature.* Mature pinyon pines and Utah junipers (11) are easily distinguished from ponderosa pine by their flatter, more irregular crowns and generally shorter stature (little or no shadow). Sparse stands (12) generally have a significant cover of shrubs, including skunkbush sumac (*Rhus trilobata*) and apache plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*), which contribute a rough texture to the appearance of the understory.